

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT****119–8****OFFERED BY MR. BEGICH OF ALASKA**

At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title XXXV,  
insert the following:

1 **SEC. 35\_\_\_\_. FEASABILITY STUDY AND REPORT ON DES-**  
2 **IGNATION OF PORT MACKENZIE, ALASKA AS**  
3 **A STRATEGIC SEAPORT.**

4 (a) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than March 1,  
5 2026, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the  
6 Commander of United States Transportation Command  
7 and the Administrator of the Maritime Administration,  
8 shall—

9 (1) conduct a study on the feasibility of desig-  
10 nating Port MacKenzie, Alaska, as a strategic sea-  
11 port; and

12 (2) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
13 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate  
14 a report that includes—

15 (A) the findings of such study;

16 (B) an assessment of existing infrastruc-  
17 ture at Port MacKenzie;

1 (C) a summary of any additional capabili-  
2 ties the Secretary determines are necessary at  
3 Port Mackenzie to meet strategic seaport cri-  
4 teria;

5 (D) an operational risk analysis comparing  
6 current munitions port capacity and redun-  
7 dancy across Alaska;

8 (E) a summary of prior and planned oper-  
9 ational validations, including—

10 (i) inert container receipt in 2024;

11 and

12 (ii) future Arctic Edge exercises;

13 (F) a cost estimate and proposed timeline  
14 for infrastructure upgrades; and

15 (G) recommendations of the Secretary with  
16 respect to phased development, interagency co-  
17 ordination, and potential formal designation.

18 (b) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT.—In preparing  
19 the report required under subsection (a), the Secretary  
20 shall consult with appropriate Federal, State, and Tribal  
21 stakeholders.

